

ROSEATE & COMMON TERN INTERN at Stewart B. McKinney NWR

Location: Falkner Island, CT

Duration: May 23rd to August 19th, 2016

Job Type: Internship

Job Description: Duties include but are not limited to: monitoring productivity of roseate and common tern, banding tern chicks, finding nests in rocky areas, re-sighting fledglings and adults from field blinds, keeping accurate, organized, and detailed data/field notes, doing light maintenance, participating in non-lethal predator management, operating/maintaining small watercraft and associated vehicles, and educating the public. Responsibilities may vary due to the strengths of individuals.

Details: Internships will begin on May 23rd and continue until the middle of August. The position involves working long hours, nights, weekends, and holidays. Schedules will be around 40 hours per week, but will vary frequently in the length of day and start time. Days off may not be consecutive. Staff will live in the research station on the island with other refuge staff for most of the field season. There is no heat or running water in the station, but there is solar electricity. Interns will have free dormitory style housing at Refuge headquarters in Westbrook, CT on their days off. Training will be provided including the DOI's Motorboat Operator Certification Course. A small living allowance of \$190.00/week will be provided.

Qualifications: Previous bird banding experience is necessary. Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to walk on uneven, rocky embankments with field equipment in all kinds of weather and work in areas with poison ivy. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision, be very independent, easy-going, be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner, and possess a valid U.S. driver's license. Intern will need to drive personal vehicle to and from dock. Additional experience with beach nesting birds, field work in a field camp setting, data collection, bird identification, waterfowl hunting, and an academic background in wildlife biology, zoology, environmental science or a related field are preferred.

To Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references (must include email and phone number) by February 19, 2016 via email to: Kristina_Vagos@fws.gov. Please do not send applications by mail.